

Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Sandra Jolley of Nevada, vice Katrina Lantos Swett of New Hampshire. **Page S2499**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be withdrawn. **Page S2501**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—64) **Page S2470**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2501.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Joseph Dunford Jr., USMC, Chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### THE BUDGET PROCESS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fixing the budget process, focusing on better budgets and better results, after receiving testimony from James C. Capretta, Ethics and Public Policy Center, and Stan Collender, Qorvis MSLGROUP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Barry Anderson, Bethesda, Maryland.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2644, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 421, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2607, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2508, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth;

S. 2829, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2325, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2817, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nomination of Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-China relations, focusing on strategic challenges and opportunities,

after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State.

### GOVERNMENT REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine government reform, focusing on ending duplication and holding Washington accountable, after receiving testimony from former Senator Tom Coburn; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2205, to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts;

S. 2304, to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2421, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska;

S. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a 5-year demonstration program to provide grants to eligible Indian tribes for the construction of tribal schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2564, to modernize prior legislation relating to Dine College;

S. 2643, to improve the implementation of the settlement agreement reached between the Pueblo de Cochiti of New Mexico and the Corps of Engineers, with an amendment; and

S. 2717, to improve the safety and address the deferred maintenance needs of Indian dams to prevent flooding on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on “Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands.”, after receiving testimony from Brandon McBride, Rural Utilities Service Administrator, Department of Agriculture; Gigi B. Sohn, Counselor to the Chairman, Office of the

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage; and Godfrey Enjady, National Tribal Telecommunications Association, Mescalero, New Mexico.

### COUNTERFEITS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine counterfeits and their impact on consumer health and safety, after receiving testimony from Bruce Foucart, Director, National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Conrad W. Wong, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Patent and Trademark Office; David Hirschmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.; Shelley Duggan, The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Gregory Maguire, Revision Military, Essex Junction, Vermont.

### WOTUS RULE AND REFORMING THE RFA

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the waters of the United States rule and the case for reforming the Regulatory Flexibility Act, including S. 1536, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, S. 2847, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, after receiving testimony from Darryl L. DePriest, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, and Rosario Palmieri, National Association of Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank Knapp, Jr., South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce, Columbia.

### VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Valeant Pharmaceuticals’ business model, focusing on the repercussions for patients and the health care system, after receiving testimony from Frederick Askari, University of Michigan Wilson Disease Center of Excellence, Ann Arbor; Richard I. Fogel, St. Vincent, Indianapolis, Indiana; William A. Ackman, Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P., Wilmington, Delaware; J.

Michael Pearson, and Howard B. Schiller, both of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Berna Heyman, Williamsburg, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5073–5087; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 707–708 were introduced. **Page H2065**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2067–68**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 706, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4901) to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”; and providing for proceedings during the period May 2, 2016, through May 9, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–533). **Page H2065**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1999**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2005**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Wade Stevenson, Gideon Missionary Baptist Church, Waukegan, Illinois. **Page H2005**

**Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act:** The House passed H.R. 4498, to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 325 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 171. **Pages H2008–14, H2037–46**

Rejected:

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–530) that sought to limit the types of fees “demo day” sponsors can collect, limit attendance at “demo days” to only individuals with financial sophistication, and require an issuer to be a real business (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 139 yeas to 272 nays, Roll No. 170). **Pages H2044–45**

H. Res. 701, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4498) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 169, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 168. **Pages H2036–37**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016:** H.R. 4923, amended, to establish a process for the submission and consideration of petitions for temporary duty suspensions and reductions, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 166; **Pages H2014–19, H2035**

**No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act:** H.R. 4240, amended, to require an independent review of the operation and administration of the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and subsets of the TSDB; **Pages H2019–22**

**Email Privacy Act:** H.R. 699, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to update the privacy protections for electronic communications information that is stored by third-party service providers in order to protect consumer privacy interests while meeting law enforcement needs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 167; and **Pages H2022–28, H2035–36**

**Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016:** S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 172. **Pages H2028–30, H2046–47**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2035, H2035–36, H2036–37, H2037, H2045, H2046, H2046–47. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: FACTORS IMPACTING COST OF PRODUCTION

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Factors Impacting Cost of Production”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.